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Georgia Executive Group Okays Loan

ATLANTA (BP) — The Georgia Baptist Convention Executive Committee, plagued in recent years by persistent debate over federal funds for Baptist schools, went through one of its busiest sessions in year without a fipple of debate or controversy. Federal aid was not discussed, but is expected to draw major attention when Mercer University reports to the convention in November on its February application for federal construction grants, an application which

followed three recent convention votes against the use of federal funds for Georgia Baptist institutions. The convention meets in Atlanta Nov. 10-12.

At the Executive Committee meeting, Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta reported that a major expansion which it has been planned for several years will cost almost \$12 million, instead of \$9 million as anticipated a year ago.

The Executive Committee gave approval for the hospital to secure a \$6 million commercial loan for the new building. The hospital commission has raised \$3 million in gifts and pledges. In another action, the committee approved a 1970 Georgia Baptist Convention Cooperative Program budget of \$5,648,000, an increase of \$303,200 over the 1969 budget. Biggest single increase was a \$50,000 hike for state mission funds in Georgia.

The Georgia Executive Committee also gave preliminary approval to a statement of purpose for Georgia Baptists in Christian higher education. Its Education Commission has been studying such a statement for almost two years.

The statement is a broad, general one which reaffirms the validity of "institutions of higher learning with a Christian philosophy, perspective and commitment."

An Executive Committee resolution urged the Georgia delegation in the U. S. Congress to work for tax law revisions "which maintain essential incentives to giving in support of religious, educational and benevolent causes."

That resolution specifically mentioned "gifts of appreciated property without payment of tax on capital gains" and other charitable gifts and trusts.

Taxes Board Okays US Loans For Agencies

DALLAS (BP) — The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas voted here to recommend that its institutions, including schools and hospitals, be allowed to seek long-term, low-interest rate government loans.

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SBC Gifts Continue To Increase

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptists' 1969 contributions to world missions through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget continued a steady increase over gifts for the same period last year, despite a slight decrease during the month of August.

A report from the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee for the first eight months of the year showed a 5.78 per cent increase in giving through the Cooperative Program for 1969 compared to a similar period in 1968.

Cooperative Program contributions hit \$18,549,409 for the first eight months of 1969, an increase of \$1 million over 1968 contributions.

During the month of August, however, Cooperative Program gifts totaled \$2.18 million, a decrease of \$23,165 compared to the August, 1968 gifts.

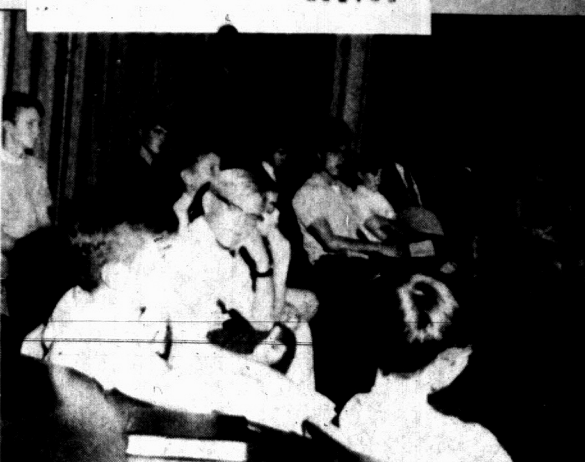
John H. Williams, financial planning secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, explained the decrease by pointing out that two big checks from the Tennessee Baptist Convention came during the month of July, one of which normally would have been posted in August.

Williams added that he usually feels good if the increase is more than five per cent over the previous year's gifts, and that the increase so far has been 5.78 per cent.

In addition to the \$18.5 million in Cooperative Program contributions, Southern Baptists have given \$21.1 million so far during 1969 to designated, specific mission causes. The \$21.1 million is an increase of \$853,924 or 4.20 per cent over designated gifts during 1968.

The combined grand total of Cooperative Program and designated gifts to world missions reached \$39.7 million in August, an increase of 4.93 per cent or \$1.8 million.

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LARGE ATTENDANCE FEATURES WORLD MISSIONS RALLY

The largest attendance to be recorded in the present series of World Missions Rallies held each year at Camp Garaywa was present for the Rally held Sept. 13-14. In photo at left several leaders have discussion between sessions. From left: Rev. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs, who presided over opening session; Dr. and Mrs. David Mayhall, missionaries to Nigeria, and Rev. E. L. Howell, director of Brotherhood Department, sponsor. In center

photo Paul Harrell, department associate, has conference with two Royal Ambassadors, Walley Banks, Grenada, (left) and Phil Thornton, Florence. Photo at right shows one of several missions conferences held, with Lee Terrell, associate pastor of Alta Woods Church, Jackson, leader, standing in rear as a student gives his testimony.

Church Will Get Estate: It Shouldn't Happen To A Dog

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Walnut Street Baptist Church here has been named the ultimate beneficiary of a \$72,800 trust fund set up by the late Mrs. Louis R. Jones, but it may be a decade or more before the church gets anything.

Mrs. Jones, 81, died in December of 1967, without any survivors. That is, without any "human" survivors.

She had three dogs, named Bozo, Dolly, and Skippy.

The \$72,800 trust fund goes first for "the care and maintenance" of the three dogs during their lifetime.

All three are in "excellent health," reported the veterinarian at the animal hospital where the dogs are housed.

So the church will have to wait a while for the gift.

The veterinarian says the life span of a dog has gone up to an average of 12 to 14 years.

In a few years, some church member is liable to declare: "Dog-gone; good gift!"

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U.S. Evangelism Congress Attracts More Than 5,000

By the Editor

MINNEAPOLIS — More than 5,000 evangelicals from all over America, with some from other countries of the world, were present for the U. S. Congress of Evangelism, held here, September 8-13. More than ninety denominations were represented.

Almost 300 Southern Baptists attending the meeting, and while they were one of the largest denominational groups present, there probably would have been more if attendance had not been by quota and invitation.

The Baptists from the several fel-

lowships made up the largest denominational group at the congress. Lutherans were second, and Methodists were third.

The meeting began on Monday evening, September 8, in the Minneapolis City Auditorium, and closed with a giant evangelistic rally on Saturday night, September 13, which overflowed the large sports arena in the suburbs of the city.

Speakers for both the opening and closing sessions were Dr. Billy Graham, and Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman. The latter is the regular preacher of

the international radio Lutheran Hour, sponsored by the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church.

Many Sessions

Between these opening and closing sessions, there were plenary or general meetings each morning and evening, 46 special group conferences on evangelism each afternoon, and a member of special meetings.

Denominational meetings were held on Monday evening, and Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Billy Graham spoke to over 4700 women at a luncheon on Thursday.

On Friday night, after the regular congress session, a special "Turn On" for youth, was held at Minneapolis Armory. Several musical groups were featured, and speakers included Pat Boone, Bobby Richardson (N. Y. Yankee baseball star), Billy Zeoli of Gospel Films, Inc. and others. Provision was made for about 10,000 but 15,000 or more came, so several thousand of them had to be sent to the city auditorium to watch the proceedings by closed circuit television.

Speakers at the Congress itself included many of the best known evangelical leaders of our day. Among

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76 ASSOCIATIONS WILL MEET DURING OCTOBER

The 76 associations in the state will hold their annual meetings during the period Oct. 3-28.

The first to meet will be the New Choctaw (Indian) Association, Oct. 3-4 with Zion Association to be the last to convene on Oct. 27-28.

The pattern of associational meetings is changing each year, with more meetings being scheduled during the second and third weeks of October.

This year 37 associations will meet the week of Oct. 13-14 with 33 scheduled to gather during the week of Oct. 20-24.

This means that 70 of the 76 associations this year will meet during the two-week period, Oct. 13-24.

There are 76 associations this year, compared to 77 a year ago. This was occasioned by the merger of Hinds and Madison associations, now functioning as Hinds-Madison.

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'Camille' Offering Totals \$169,486.62 To Date

A total of \$169,486.62 has been given for the Hurricane Camille offering through Monday, September 15, according to A. L. Nelson, Jackson, treasurer and business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This offering, received in the churches of the state Sunday, September 7, was asked by the Execu-

tive Committee of the Convention Board following a suggestion by the executive secretary, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.

The offering will go to the Baptist churches and people in south Mississippi who suffered such extensive damage from Hurricane Camille which struck the Coast on Sunday night, August 17.

The offering will be kept "open" for a while and other churches or individuals still wishing to contribute may do so by sending their funds to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Dr. Hudgins said that the estimated unrecoverable losses of the Baptist

churches in the hurricane area would range between \$1,000,000 and \$1,200,000.

Seven hundred seventy-four gifts have been received to date, coming from every section of the state as well as from many states throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

These gifts came principally from individuals, churches, associations, state convention and SBC agencies.

Among the larger gifts from outside the state were the following:

Baptist General Convention of Texas, \$21,272.54; Alabama Convention, \$7,713.23; Tuscaloosa County Association, Ala., \$1,412.06; Bellevue Church, Memphis, \$10,000; North Carolina Convention, \$5,000; Home Mission Board, \$6,000; Baldwin, Silver Hill, Ala., \$635.05; Oklahoma Convention, \$1,177.34; First Church, Red Oak, Ga. \$708.70; Lawtonville Church, S. C., \$578.00; Riverside Church, Mobile, Ala., \$500.00; Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, \$1,000.00; First Church, Bossier City, La., \$500.02; Miami Shores Church, Miami, Fla., \$1,000.00.

The funds will be disbursed by the Executive Committee of the Convention Board, with the Executive Committees of the associations affected asked to assist.

An advisory committee has been named by the Executive Committee

FMB Finds Requests Beyond Resources

RICHMOND, Va. — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, at its September meeting (wedged between a special meeting at Gloria Baptist Assembly, August 18-20, and its annual meeting to be held in Richmond, Va., October 13-15), appropriated \$2,132,755.25, mostly for its overseas work, and heard a progress report on the 1970 budget, now being prepared for presentation and adoption in October.

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said the proposed budget will be the largest in the history of the Board (this year's budget: \$32,102,119).

Dr. Cauthen reviewed briefly the detailed steps in budget preparation. "The work begins on the mission fields where the needs are carefully studied and recommendations are submitted to the Board by the mission organizations in business session," he explained. "The field requests for 1970 exceed available resources by at least \$4,000,000."

"The chief problem in these days is at the point of inflation, in this country and throughout the rest of the world. However, the budget will represent advance. In addition to an enlarged overseas staff, mission ministries continue to expand both in newly opened fields and in places where Baptists are established."

Dr. Cauthen said funds for the budget come chiefly through two sources: the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"An encouraging aspect of foreign mission funding is the growing development of stewardship among Baptists."

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Church - State

Action Commission Reaffirms Policy

In the semi-annual meeting of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention held September 11 at the Baptist Building, the Commission re-emphasized the church-state policy statement of 1967 which outlines their basic position in church-state matters and commended the editorial policies taken by the executive director, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, and the Baptist Record editor, Dr. J. T. Odle.

In explaining the action of the commission, Dr. Hensley said, "It is our purpose to assist our people to gain as much insight as possible to the tensions of our day in church-state relationships as well as to keep us continually aware of the Bible principles of religious liberty."

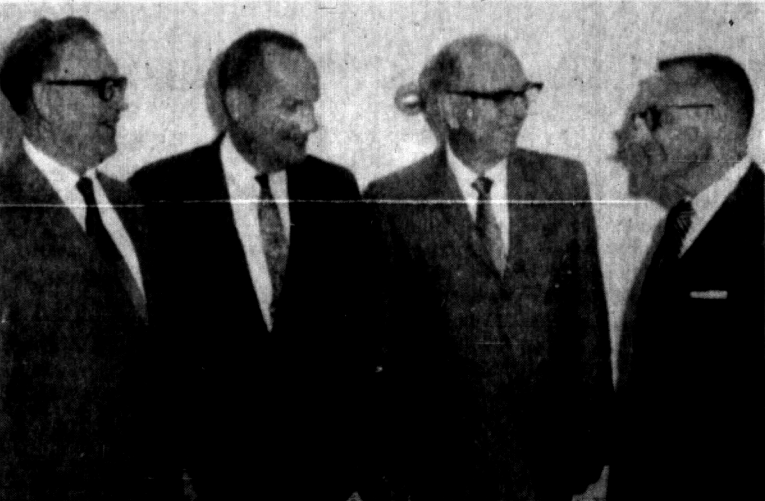
He further stated that the role of the commission is that of interpretation and presentation of pertinent facts to the issues involved, without any attempt to suggest policy for Mississippi.

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Deacon-Pastor Retreats Held

IN TOP PHOTO several men attending one of the series of Pastor-Deacon Retreats held recently are seen on lakefront at Roosevelt State Park. Front left: Rev. Cecil Pumphrey, Lake; Therman Bryant, associate in Cooperative Missions Department, sponsor. In lower photo several discuss retreat after mealtime. From left: Rev. Wm. Earl Green, Louin; Rev. Nat Mayhall, Port Gibson; Rev. C. E. James, Pocahontas, and Rev. H. T. Curbow, Newton.



SEVERAL PERSONS attending meeting of Christian Action Commission have discussion after luncheon. From left: Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director; Dr. Sam Shepard, Tupelo; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian, and Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, president of the State Convention.

Evangelism Congress Attracts 5,000 Persons To Minneapolis

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them were Dr. Graham, Dr. Hoffman, Leighton Ford, evangelist; Senator Hatfield of Oregon; Tom Skinner, Negro evangelist; Marcus L. Loane, Episcopal Bishop from Australia; Kenneth L. Chafin, Southern Baptist theologian; Keith Miller, Episcopal layman and author; Stephen Alford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City; Ira Gallo-way, Methodist evangelism leader; Myron Augsburger, president of Easter Mennonite College, Harold Lind-sell, editor of Christianity Today; Harold Ockenga, Congregational minister in Boston, Governor Harold LeVander of Minnesota, and numer-ous others.

Many musicians and musical groups were featured, including George Beverly Shea, Cliff Barrows, and Jimmie McDonald. The music was a highlight of the program.

Conferences

The afternoon conferences were called "Church In Action" meetings, and presented the many plans being used in evangelism today.

Special features include a Cantata written for the Congress by John Peterson, and presented by a special-ly chosen choir from the Minneapo-lis area. A dramatic feature called "Blowin' in the Wind" was presented in black light on Thursday evening, and was a spectacular production.

Chairman of the Executive Com-mittee for the Congress was Dr. Paul Fryhling, pastor of Covenant Church in Minneapolis.

Dr. Oswald J. Hoffman, the Gen-eral Chairman, presided at most of the plenary sessions, although Dr. Graham presided at some of them. Dr. Hoffman is a man of unusual spir-itual perception and depth, and rare ability as a presiding officer.

Emphasis

The basic emphasis of the meeting was a call for spiritual renewal of the church and for a Spirit - empow-ered thrust of evangelism to meet the revolution now occurring in the world.

The program throughout was Bibli-cal and Christ - Centered. It was very clear that the speakers at this meeting believe that the Bible is the Word of God, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that all men are lost and need to be saved through the blood of Jesus Christ.

There also was continued emphasis on the social problems of the day, but they never were separated from the spiritual emphasis. Racism, war, hunger, and the "generation gap" were referred to in many messages, and a few speakers, dealt with them almost entirely. It was very clear that the mood of the people at the meeting was that we must not forget the so-cial need in our zeal for the spiritual emphasis, but neither can we forget the spiritual as we look at the human need about us. However, these were not "social gospel" people, for we doubt if there was person present who would have espoused the modern-istic doctrine.

Since the Congress was not a legis-lative body it did not act upon any resolution, or make any decisions. Neither is it a continuing organiza-tion or program, although some other similar meetings may be held as a result of this one.

"Generation Gap"

The "generation gap" problem was fully discussed, although it was re-cognized that there are many wonder-ful young people active in the church-es of today. That there are "hippies" and others unreached, was dramati-cally presented Wednesday night, when two students from the Univer-sity of Minnesota, were evicted from the auditorium by the ushers, when it appeared that they were going to at-tempt to interfere with one of the speakers. Cries of "No! No!" were heard from the audience as they were

taken out. Later congress leaders apolo-gized to them, and youth workers prevailed upon them to return for the remainder of the session. The in-cident pointed out in sharp etching one of the problems the Congress was con-sidering.

Southern Baptists

Southern Baptists appearing on the program included Dr. Graham, Dr. Kenneth Chafin, Dr. Harold Lindsell, editor of Christianity Today, Bill Glass, former professional foot-ball player and now an evangelist, Bobby Richardson, former New-York Yankee baseball player, and others.

Among Southern Baptist leaders beside these, present for the meet-ing, were Dr. Porter Routh, of the Executive Committee, Dr. Duke Mc-Call, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Fred Mos-ley, Associate Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Dr. A. V. Washburn of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Wayne Dehoney, Dr. Paul Caudill, and many others. Several state secretaries of evangelism were present, as were four editors. There also were a host of pastors, evangelists and laymen and women.

A special feature of the meeting, was the exhibit area, where almost one hundred evangelical organiza-tions, publishing houses, and agen-cies, offered material relative to their ministry. This was a popular area, and was an eye-opener as to the many types of evangelistic effort now in progress in the world.

Quotations

Seeking out quotations from the meeting is most difficult since there were so many speakers, and so many things were said. Nevertheless, the following statements taken from some of the messages, reveal the gen-eral tenor of the meeting.

Dr. Billy Graham said that the churches are doing poorly in evangelism "because we are depending upon human means rather than upon the Spirit of God."

"Evangelism is not dependent upon methodology," said Graham, noting that the disciples and the early church accomplished a superior task with no help from technology. He added, however, that he is eager to use every possible vehicle to promote the g-pel."

"An evangelist is not a man," said Dr. Graham. "He is the Holy Spirit using a man."

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, general chairman of the Congress, and noted Lutheran preacher, said that the con-gress would help dispel "the bad odor" that evangelism has in many places. "We are not the self-righteous snobs that some people think we are. We don't want everyone to become like us. We want them to become like Him."

Enlarge Target

Dr. Kenneth Chafin, professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, called on evan-gelical churches to enlarge their tar-get in evangelism. "Let's face it," he said, "most of our evangelism is baptizing the children of the families of our churches."

"We need to undertake larger tasks," Chafin said. He asked that the churches move out of their hot houses, and into the world to share with all people the gospel of Christ. He specifically cited two areas in which this enlargement needs to take place —with young people and adults not reared in the church, and with classes of people other than the majority of the membership. He added, "We need not ask God for power, unless we mean business."

Tom Skinner, fiery young Black evangelist, one of the Negroes who appeared on the program, said, "The black revolution obliges true be-lievers to express their love toward each other." "The fellowship in the Christian church supersedes every type of relationship." Negro church-men composed less than 2 per cent of the delegates attending the con-gress.

Keith Miller, prominent Episco-palian layman said, "Real (Christian) fellowship cannot be programmed in the church basement with Koolaid." "Those who become vulnerable with the problems of the world to identify with them will be those who are able to share their faith with the world."

Prayer for Viet Nam

Dr. Harold Lindsell, editor of Chri-tianity Today, and a Southern Bap-tist, in a message on prayer, appeal-ed to President Nixon to call a spe-cial national day of prayer for an end to the war in Viet Nam.

"We've tried everything else," said Lindsell. "We've tried force, we've tried diplomacy, and we've tried psy-chology. But we haven't tried prayer."

Speaking on "The Church and Evangelism in a Day of Revolution", Leighton Ford, brother-in-law of Billy Graham, said, "Jeremiah's de-scription of 'a seething cauldron' is a perfect image to describe our world —an age shaken and convulsed by the most fantastic revolutions of all time."

"Did you think that you would ever live to see a revolution in America?" Ford added. "Yet today the radical extremist groups in our society call for just that."

"There really is but one course open to us," Ford continued. "neither to be total resisters, or total rebels, but revolutionaries—Christian style." "Christian conversion is revolution-ary because it is so complete." "The early Christian revolutionized the world."

Commission Reaffirms Policy

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Mississippi Baptist churches or institu-tions.

He also said that the commission does not lobby for or against legisla-tion. Quoting from the policy state-ment, he asserted, "In the realm of political action, we believe that the primary role of the churches is to change men and women so that they, as individuals and as groups, may change government or society."

The editorials mentioned were in opposition to the current legislation in the Mississippi legislature as to aid to parochial schools in violation of the concept of separation of church and state.

Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, spoke to the commission members and invited guests at a luncheon following the meeting.

Other action of the commission in-cluded finalizing plans for the State Family Life Conference to be held in Jackson February 23-26, 1970, the adoption of the budget, and projecting program projects for 1971.

Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland, serving as chairman of the Planning Committee, said that four out-of-state and thirty in-state resource people have been committed for the State Family Life Conference.

The activities in the fall of 1969 in-clude Family Life Enrichment Con-ferences to be conducted by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, at Boyle Baptist Church, Sept. 14-17; Houlika, September 28-30; Booneville, October 5-8; Naval Air Base, Meridian, Oct. 12; Westview, Jack-son, Oct. 19-22; Southside, Meridian, Oct. 26-29.

Another major event will be Reli-gious Emphasis Week sponsored by the Baptist Student Union at Ole Miss on October 13-17.

Dr. Sam Snepher, Tupelo, presided over the session in the absence of Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, Hazlehurst, chairman, who was hospitalized.

Other members of the commission present were Odie Trenor, Houston; Dr. Fuller Saunders, Jackson; W. B. Rives, Jackson; Rev. Eldie F. Hicks, Waynesboro; D. R. Sanderson, Lau-rel; Dr. Graham Hales, Jr., Hatties-burg; Rev. Bill Nimmons, Starkville; M. F. Rayburn and Fred Rogers, Meridian; Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, Cleve-land.

Dr. Swor Has New Associate

Dr. Chester Swor's new associate in his Christian Life Crusade meet-ings is Connie Ware of Texas. He succeeds Jerry Merriman, who has accepted the directorship of Baptist Student Union activities at Mississip-pi State University.

Mr. Ware is a graduate of Baylor University and has completed one year in the School of Church Music in Southwestern Seminary, to which he will return after serving with Dr. Swor through the fall of this year. He has had rich expe-rience in youth and music work in local churches and in youth revivals. He will direct music and youth activities while working with Dr. Swor in churches and schools.

Dr. Swor and Mr. Ware will be in three Mississippi churches during the approaching fall season: Morrison Heights, Clinton; Temple, Hatties-burg; and First, Yazoo City. In each of those cities, there will be high school appointments in addition to the church series, and in Clinton and Hattiesburg there will be college ap-pointments.



Delegates to the U. S. Congress on Evangelism assembled for sessions each morning and evening, as well as on some afternoons, in the Minneapolis City Auditorium.

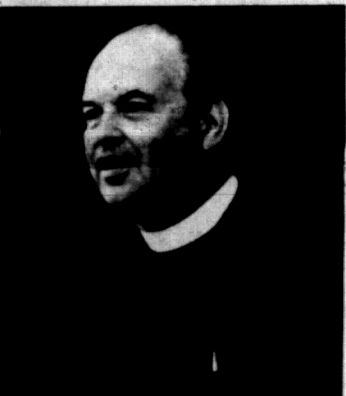
U. S. Congress On Evangelism



The Kinsfolk Singers from Australia were among a number of youth musical groups which appeared on the general program of the Congress, and at the Youth Special "Turn On" on Friday evening.



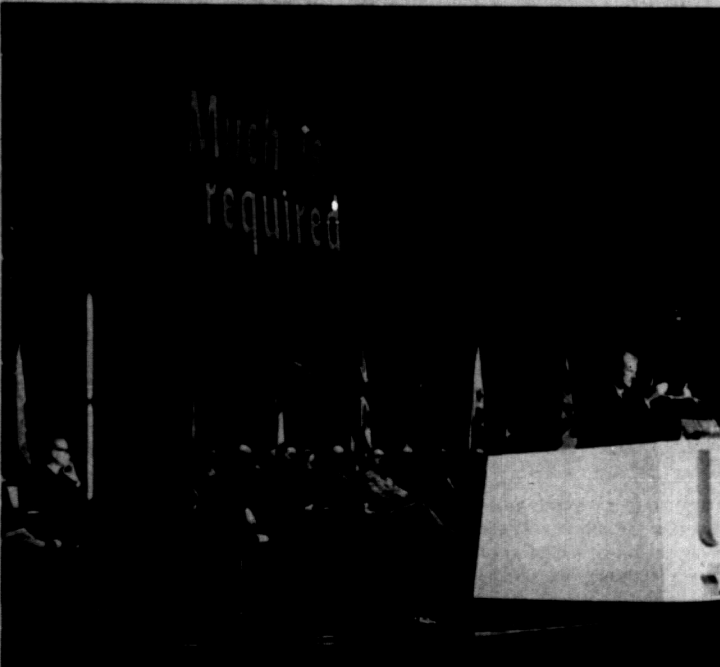
Dr. Billy Graham was Honorary Chairman of the Congress. He spoke twice and pre-sided at some sessions.



Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, minister of the world wide Lutheran Hour radio program, was General Chairman of the Congress and presided at most of the general sessions.



Southern Baptist Evangelist Bill Glass was among the speakers. He is a former pro-fessional football player.



Dr. Billy Graham, Honorary Chairman, is shown addressing a plenary session of the Congress with a portion of the platform and its flame centerpiece behind him.

European Christianity Revived, Says Foreign Mission Board Specialist

GLORIETA, N. Mex. — One of the most encouraging aspects of Chris-tianity today is the revived and in-tensified evangelistic endeavor in Eu-rope, a specialist in evangelism told the 88 - member Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its meeting, August 18-20, at Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

"Whereas a few years ago some people in Europe were talking about the 'post - Christian era,' today they are talking about 'the theology of hope,'" said Rev. Joseph B. Under-wood, the Board's consultant in evan-gelism and church development. "It is an op-timistic view based on absolute confi-dence in the power of the gospel of Je-

sus Christ to save people today as in every age."

In his report Mr. Underwood said the Crusade of the Americas, a hemi-spheric evangelistic effort now in its climactic year after a long period of preparation, is enjoying "magnifi-cent" progress.

Revival Dates

Liberty Church, Liberty, September 22-28; Dr. Carl E. Bates, Charlotte, N. C., evangelist; William E. Jarvis, Charlotte, N. C., music director; Rev. John E. Watts, Pastor.

He then gave a progress report on plans underway by Baptists of a number of Asian countries to hold evangelistic campaigns in 1970 in con-nection with the meeting of the Bap-tist World Alliance in Tokyo, Japan. Conferences on evangelism will be conducted in the participating coun-tries early in the year. International teams of specialists will share in these conferences, emphasizing spir-itual preparation for evangelism; per-sonal, home and church evangelism; opportunities offered by mass rallies; and conservation of results of all of these.

More than 200 guest preachers and more than 100 musicians will be in-volved in the Asian campaigns, Mr. Underwood reported.

First Baptist Camping Conference Scheduled

NASHVILLE — The first Southern Baptist Regional Camping Confer-ence will be held October 13-16 at Lakeview Baptist Encampment, Lone Star, Tex.

Sponsored by the church recreation department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the conference is designed for camp leaders, church staff members interested in in-cluding camping in the religious ed-ucation program of the church and other interested persons.

Courses offered are the American Camping Association Camp Crafters' Course, the American Camping As-sociation Advanced Camp Crafters' Course and the American Camping Association CAMP Craft Instructors' Course. Also offered are conferences on day camping and family or trailer camping.

Total cost, including lodging and meals, is \$20. A \$5 registration fee may be sent to: Larry Haslam, church recreation department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

76 Associations To Meet In October

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The trend toward night meetings, begun several years ago, continues, with perhaps more associations holding night meetings this year than ever before.

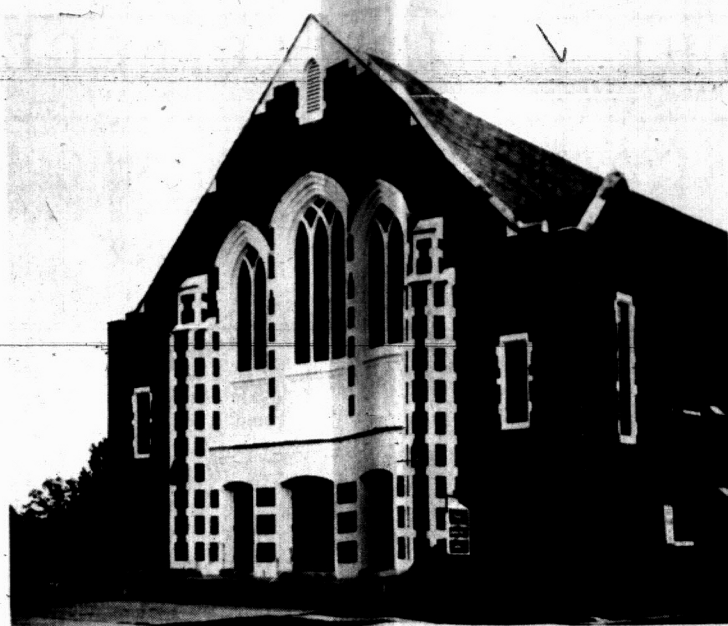
Several bodies will hold both night and day sessions with many this year to conduct night sessions only.

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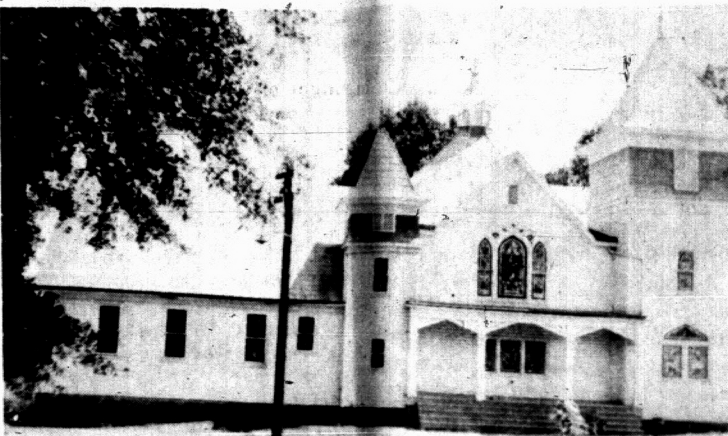
Adams Oct. 20-21

Adams: Oct. 20, Immanuel, Oct. 21, Washington; Alcorn: Oct. 16, Shiloh, Oct. 17, Holly; Attala: Oct. 20, 21, Williamsburg; Benton: Oct. 6, 7, Pleasant Hill; Bolivar: Oct. 20, Providence, Oct. 21, Yale Street; Calhoun: Oct. 16, Ellard, Oct. 17, Shiloh; Carroll: Oct. 13, Valley Hill, Oct. 14, Mt. Pisgah; Chickasaw: Oct. 20, Pleasant Grove, Oct. 21, Carnation; Choctaw: Oct. 15, First, Ackerman, Oct. 16, French Camp; Clarke: Oct. 13-14, Union; Clay: Oct. 13, 14, Siloam; Copiah: Oct. 16, Pearl Valley, Oct. 17, Highland; Covington: Oct. 20, Mt. Horeb, Oct. 21, Ora; DeSota: Oct. 20, Endora, Oct. 21, Olive Branch, and Pleasant Hill; Franklin: Oct. 13, Mt. Zion, Oct. 14, Roxie; George: Oct. 20, 21, Rocky Creek; Greene: Oct. 13, Fellowship, Oct. 14, Cedar Grove; Grenada: Oct. 13, 14, Friendship; Gulf Coast: Oct. 20, 21, 23, Grace Memorial; Hinds-Madison: Oct. 13, 14, Colonial Heights; Holmes: Oct. 13, Beulah, Oct. 14, West; Humphreys: Oct. 16, Calvary; Itawamba: Oct. 13, Kirkville, Oct. 14, Dorsey; Jackson: Oct. 13, First, Ocean Springs, Oct. 14, Four Mile Creek; Jasper: Oct. 20, New Fellowship, Oct. 21, Pine Grove; Jeff Davis: Oct. 23, Oak Grove, Oct. 24, Whitesand; Jones: Oct. 20, Magnolia, Oct. 21, Wildwood; Kemper: Oct. 16, Salem, Oct. 17, Center Ridge; Lafayette: Oct. 6, Shiloh, Oct. 7, First, Oxford and Delay; Lamar: Oct. 13, Baxterville, Oct. 14, Calvary; Lauderdale: Oct. 20, 21, New Hope; Lawrence: Oct. 20, Monticello, Oct. 21, New Hebron; Leake: Oct. 23, Thomas-town, Oct. 24, Lena; Lebanon: Oct.

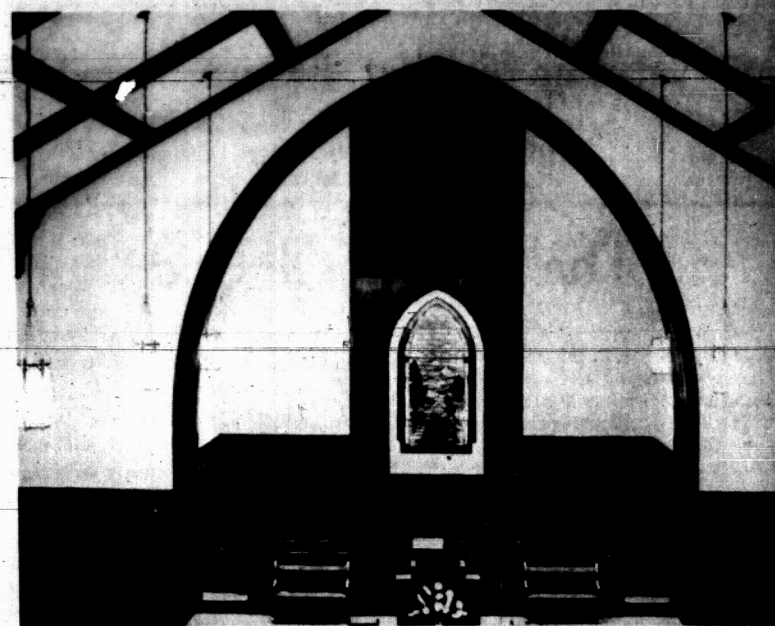
21, Rawls Springs, and Green's Creek; Lee: Oct. 20, Belden, Oct. 21, Plantersville and Guntown; Leflore: Oct. 13, Riverside, Oct. 14, First, Greenwood; Lincoln: Oct. 23, East-haven, Oct. 24, Macedonia; Lowndes: Oct. 20, Mt. Carmel, Oct. 21, Kolola Springs; Marion: Oct. 6, Goss, Oct. 7, First Foxworth; Marshall, Oct. 13, Spring Hill, Oct. 14, Calvary; Mississippi: Oct. 16, Hebron, Oct. 17, Woodville; Monroe: Oct. 20, Southside, Oct. 21, Greenwood Springs; Montgomery: Oct. 20, Poplar Springs, Oct. 21, Hebron; Neshoba: Oct. 14, Coldwater, Oct. 15, Bethsaida; New Choctaw: Oct. 3, 4, Bethany; Newton: Oct. 20, Conehatta, Oct. 21, Liberty; Noxubee: Oct. 13, 14, Calvary; Oktibbeha: Oct. 16, New Hope, Oct. 17, First, Maben; Panola: Oct. 20, Crenshaw, Oct. 21, Curtis; Pearl River: Oct. 16, 17, New Palestine; Perry: Oct. 23, 24, First, New Augusta; Pike: Oct. 23, 24, East McComb; Pontotoc: Oct. 16, First, Pontotoc, Oct. 17, Ecu; Prentiss: Oct. 20, 21, Mt. Olive; Quitman: Oct. 13, Belen, Oct. 14, First Marks; Rankin: Oct. 20, McLaurin Heights, Oct. 21, Bethel; Riverside: Oct. 13, 14, Clarksdale; Scott: Oct. 20, Calvary, Oct. 21, Harpersville; Sharkey - Issaquena: Oct. 20, 21, Mayersville; Simpson: Oct. 20, First, Mendenhall, Oct. 21, Dry Creek; Smith: Oct. 13, 14, Oak Grove; Sunflower: Oct. 14, Roundaway and Ruleville; Tallahatchie: Oct. 15, 16, Cascilla; Tate: Oct. 20, 21, First Senatobia; Tippah, Oct. 14, 15, Academy; Tishomingo: Oct. 14, Belmont, Oct. 15, Burton; Union: Oct. 13, Hermanville, Oct. 14, First, Union; Union County: Oct. 21, Jericho, Oct. 22, Pleasant Ridge; Walthall: Oct. 13, 14, New Zion; Warren: Oct. 13, Woodlawn, Oct. 14, Bovina; Washington: Oct. 14, Second, Greenville; Wayne: Oct. 20, Calvary, Oct. 21, Riverside; Winston: Oct. 13, First, Louisville, Oct. 14, Macedonia; Yazoo: Oct. 9, First Water Valley; Yazoo: Oct. 23, 24, Concord; Zion: Oct. 27, Mathiston, Oct. 28, Dorroh Lake Assembly.



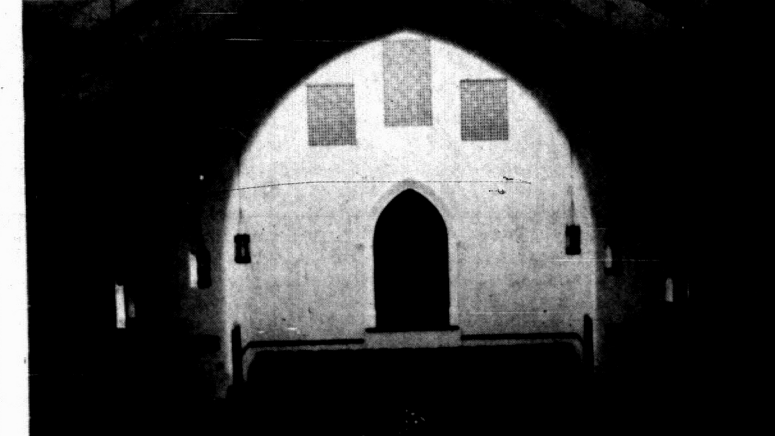
AFTER—The third church home of First, Newton, was built in 1950. Its interior has just been extensively remodeled.



BEFORE—The second church home of First, Newton, was built in 1908 and destroyed by fire on Dec. 5, 1948.



AFTER—The interior of First, Newton, after the remodeling of the sanctuary, completed in time for the centennial observance.



BEFORE—The interior of First Church, Newton, before the recent renovation program.

First, Newton, Observes Centennial

First Church, Newton observed its Centennial Sunday, Sept. 14. The observance of 100 years of service coincided with the completion of an extensive program of remodeling and refurbishing at the church.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was preacher for the morning service. Rev. Hardy R. Denham Jr. is pastor.

In March 1968 the church launched a renovation program, remodeling the sanctuary building that was erected in 1908. This program, costing \$15,000, is just coming to completion. A new 60-ton heating-cooling system was installed; three floors of educational space in the building have been remodeled, including the installation of carpet in educational areas; a new lighting system was installed; the office suite was remodeled and refurbished; the pulpit, choir, baptistry area of the sanctuary was redesigned, including the installation of two new Gothic arches and paneling; the auditorium was carpeted wall to wall, and new pulpit furnishings, upholstered pews and choir chairs have been added.

The current operational budget of the church is the largest in its 100-year history, requiring an undesignated income of \$98,000. The projected total income for 1969 is expected to exceed \$112,000. The church property is valued at approximately \$600,000. The current membership is 850.

The church has rendered a vital ministry to students at Clarke College and has had the college and the BSU ministry in the budget for many years. In addition, 23 per cent of all undesignated gifts go through the Cooperative Program. With a total income of \$102,000 in 1968, the church ranked eighth in the Mississippi Con-

vention in per capita gifts through the Cooperative Program. Approximately 35 per cent of all gifts go to denominational causes.

Living ministers who have served as pastors are: Rev. J. E. Willis (1929-34), Newton; Dr. C. Z. Holland (1934-38), Clinton; Rev. R. T. B. Leavell (1938-58), Leland; and Dr. J. N. Triplett (1958-67), Jackson.

Denham became pastor in May 1968, coming from the First Church of Ellisville.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND
In 1869 the Newton Baptist Church was founded in the summer. Rev.

Nathan L. Clarke was instrumental in its beginning. Mr. Clarke became the first of 18 pastors to serve the church from its beginning to the present, serving for 35 years, from 1869 to 1904. Clarke College is named for this pioneer preacher.

The Newton Baptist Church first met in the facilities of the Methodist church. Three houses of worship have been built during the 100 years. The first building was constructed in 1869-70. Ground breaking for a new wood and stucco building, which cost \$10,000, was held in November 1908. This second church home was totally de-

stroyed by fire on Dec. 5, 1948.

Even though handicapped by a shortage of materials in the wake of World War II, a new brick building of Gothic design was erected at the cost of \$200,000. The congregation entered the new church home on March 5, 1950.

Rev. R. A. Morris died in April 1953, the only minister to die while serving as pastor and is buried in Newton.

A new educational building was erected in 1960. Dr. Triplett (1958-67) was pastor then. The church established a mission in West Newton in 1961; now the Calvary Baptist Church.

FMB Finds Budget Requests Beyond Present Resources

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tian churches to which Southern Baptist missionaries are related around the world," Dr. Cauten said. "More than two-thirds of those churches are self-supporting, and many new church buildings are being paid for through self-perpetuating mission church loan funds."

The more than \$2,000,000 in appropriations were made in the adoption of 69 recommendations from the Board's administrative committee. They ranged in amounts from \$30 to reimburse a missionary for expenses in connection with special studies to two \$15,000 items, one to purchase paper and print Bibles in southern Brazil, the other to pay for an all-Africa radio-television training course and workshop in Limuru, Kenya. (Money for both came from an estate.)

Money was appropriated for two radio-television meetings. The training course and workshop in Limuru, scheduled for November 2-28, is designed to give basic instruction in the techniques of writing, recording, and broadcasting radio and television programs. It provides for one missionary and one or two nationals from each of the countries in Africa south of the Sahara where Southern Baptist missionaries are located.

The Board assigned Rev. and Mrs. James F. Kirkendall, Southern Baptist missionaries to Lebanon since 1962, to an itinerant ministry among United States citizens connected with oil companies in the Persian Gulf area. Their headquarters will remain in Beirut.

In his report to the Board, Rev. Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, noted growth of Baptists in the Caribbean area since the Foreign Mission Board voted eight years ago to expand its resources there. In 1961 three Southern Baptist missionary couples were serving two churches and five mis-

sion stations with a total membership of 180. Fifteen baptisms were reported that year.

Now, 74 missionaries under appointment to nine Caribbean countries are related to 298 churches and 47 missions, with a total membership of 35,688. These churches reported 1,898 baptisms last year.

The nine countries of the Caribbean in which Southern Baptists are working are Antigua, the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Dominican Republic, Guadalupe, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts, and Trinidad.



REV. H. J. MCCOOL, (left), is seen with Rev. Carey E. Cox, executive secretary of the Foundation, at the time of the writing of his will.

Rev. H. J. McCool Dies In Louisiana

Rev. H. J. McCool, of Crowley, La., died in that city Sunday, Aug. 31 and was buried the following Tuesday.

Mr. McCool, a former Mississippi plan, has been a patient for several months in the Veterans Hospital of his home city.

Mr. McCool had served several churches in the state as pastor, including Carrollton and Eupora. During World War I he served as chaplain in the army and was stationed at Camp Beauregard and Fort Phillips in New Orleans.

Mr. McCool is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maggie McCain McCool and a sister, Mrs. Ideniah McCool Kerr. The Mississippi Baptist Foundation assisted Mr. McCool in the writing of his will and in May of last year he gave to the Foundation \$37,500.00 to be added to a previous gift of \$10,000.00.

Dr. Harry L. Spencer, former executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation for seventeen years and a close friend, states that brother McCool "in setting up the trust agreement and in the writing of the will made this statement, 'I want to continue to preach until Jesus comes again.'"

Eddleman Takes Sabbatic As Seminary President

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Seminary, will begin a sabbatical of several months starting Sept. 25, 1969, returning to the campus once a month for board meetings and other important events.

Dean James D. Mosteller has been asked to serve as "first administrative officer" while Eddleman is absent from the campus, the seminary's public relations office reported.

Eddleman plans to audit a course at the University of Chicago in the area of curriculum building, and has accepted an invitation to lecture three days a week at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill. His schedule will also allow for continuing fund-raising meetings scheduled by the seminary in Texas.

The fund campaign will be continued in Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina by Stan Hardee, former assistant to the president at the seminary, and in Tennessee by Doug Chatham, newly elected assistant to the president.

In announcing his sabbatical to the seminary faculty, Eddleman mentioned his wife's recent major surgery, and requested prayer for her speedy and complete recovery.

A Saga Of Destruction With Mercy

By Bob Barnes, Moderator
Pearl River Baptist Association

On Sunday night and Monday morning, Hurricane Camille blew across Pearl River County, which is identical with Pearl River Baptist Association, from the Southeast corner to a Northwest exit. Camille moved across the rural community of Caesar and the Union Baptist Church, over Carriere and McNeill, between Poplarville and Bogalusa, La., and out of Pearl River County near Columbia. It was a night of devastation and destruction brightened only by the mercy of not one life taken nor of any reported serious accident. This in spite of homes completely surrounded by trees, some few homes smashed by trees, some few homes with roofs blown off and windows blown in or pulled out, and some public buildings with roofs and walls destroyed. It seemed like a miracle; to many it was.

Monday morning was gray and blustery. Never had such destruction been seen. Pecan trees, magnolias, pines, and oaks, among others, were blown up by the roots, or twisted off, or snapped off like match sticks. The tung trees with their abundant crop were twisted and broken and the harvest gone. Homes had windows broken and roofs damaged or demolished and television antennas were bent and twisted and destroyed. Businesses and public buildings were in similar condition. There was no water, no electric power, no gas, and no telephones. Except for transistor radios or battery operated radios there was no communication of any kind.

To say the least, we were stunned and in a state of shock. Only gradually did we begin to move and there was much confusion and disorganization. Public officials (there are too many and for fear of leaving someone out none is mentioned by name) began to set things in motion. City and town, county, state, and federal people began to move, and they are to be commended.

This article, however, is to share something of the role of our churches, both people and buildings, during the aftermath of this storm. The First Baptist church of Poplarville became a back-up point for distribution for the area. The First Baptist church of Carriere became a distribution point for clothes, food, and the Red Cross. Three other churches, Crane Creek, Steep Hollow,

and Juniper Grove, became points for distributing food, water, clothes and other essentials to the areas they serve. Wilson Freshur at Crane Creek and Roy Black at Juniper Grove worked tirelessly to assist. The church members led in the work at Steep Hollow. All three of these churches sustained great loss to their facilities. The First Baptist Church of Poplarville served early as a distribution point and then began to send supplies to these other points, since the town had sufficient supplies. The lower auditorium of this church now serves as headquarters for the Red Cross disaster services in North Pearl River County.

Others have served and are serving, but this should give some idea about how important our churches are in time of trouble. Twenty percent of the church buildings in Pearl River Association became centers of assistance and service. This means we must rebuild our Christian witness in our Baptist way in this entire devastated area. We must strengthen this witness for Christ. It demonstrates that we are concerned about the total man and all men. It demonstrates too, that evangelism and good

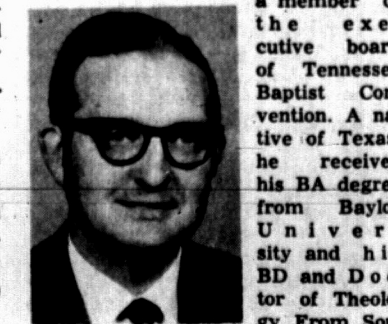
works are not mutually exclusive terms for Southern Baptists. What we have demonstrated, let us, by God's grace, continue in humility, compassion, and service. Let's do as Peter urged, "Humble yourselves, then, under God's mighty hand, so that he will lift you up in His own good time. Throw all your worries on him, for he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7, TEV.)

University, Hattiesburg, Calls Pastor

Dr. L. Craig Ratliff, the new pastor of University Church, has moved to Hattiesburg.

Dr. Ratliff comes from First Church of Newport, Tenn.

While in Tennessee, he was a trustee of Carson-Newman College and a member of the executive board of Tennessee Baptist Convention. A native of Texas, he received his BA degree from Baylor University and his BD and Doctor of Theology from Southern Seminary.



Dr. L. Craig Ratliff

Dr. Ratliff has written extensively for the Baptist Sunday School Board in Training Union and student publications. His book, *Because We Believe*, will be published by the Broadman Press on Jan. 1, 1970.

Mrs. Ratliff, the former Nancy Lou Liberman of Chattanooga, is a graduate of Wellesley College. She has been quite active in service activities, receiving the "Lady of the Year Award" in Newport for 1968.

The Ratliffs have four boys—Mike, Jeff, Steve and Tommy. Mr. Ratliff is 40 years old and has 500 members. Rev. Harold Kitchings, now of Koonchub, and Dr. Graham L. Hales, now chaplain at USM, are former pastors.

West Gulfport Church Suffered \$4,000 Damage

Rev. W. T. Miller, pastor of West Gulfport Church, writes that the estimate of damage to their property given in the Sept. 4 issue, was in error, since the church suffered about \$4,000 damage, and not the \$1,000 which was reported.

These reports of damage to buildings were mere early estimates, and were not in any way actual appraisals of losses by insurance adjusters. The list which we published came from the Gulf Coast Association Superintendent of Missions and was not intended to be a final report. It was anticipated when the list was given, that changes would have to be made in the estimates, when actual appraisals could be made.



WMU EXECUTIVE BOARD and members of the WMU staff meet at Camp Garaywa during WMU Week. First row, left to right: Mrs. Vincent Scoper, Mrs. W. Martin Smith, Mrs. Harold Douglas, Mrs. Bob Simmons, Mrs. Vernon May (state WMU president), Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr., Kaye Johnson, Mrs. Joe Barber, Jr., Mrs. James Richardson. Second row:

Mrs. Charles Tyler, Mrs. C. E. Toth, Mrs. H. J. Rushing, Mrs. Kelly Pyron, Mrs. Steadley Gooch, Dr. Edwina Robinson. Third row: Mrs. Robert Dent, Mrs. B. B. McGee, Frances Shaw, Mrs. Milton Tutor, Mrs. Jewell Smith, Waudine Storey.

Convention Board Departments—IV

Woman's Missionary Union

The primary purpose of Woman's Missionary Union is missions. In the preamble to the first constitution, the first purpose was stated: "We the women of the churches connected with the Southern Baptist Convention, desirous of stimulating the missionary spirit and the grace of giving, among the women and children of the churches, and aiding in collecting funds for missionary purposes, to be disbursed by the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, and disclaiming all intention of independent action, organize and adopt the following..."

The object as stated in the current by-laws, though more simply stated, carries the same concept. Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, featured in the

accompanying pictures, has had as its watchword for the year, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth," with emphasis on witness both "where we live" and to other areas of the world.

Through Woman's Missionary Union, mission action seeks to meet real needs in individual communities.

Through Pact, the establishment of prayer partnerships between North Americans and South Americans, Woman's Missionary Union has challenged many people to a greater prayer support of the Crusade of the Americas.

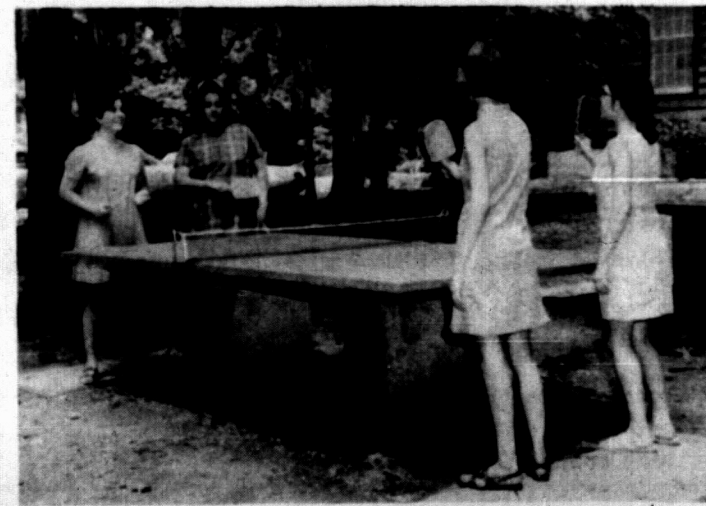
Through the teaching of leadership courses twice in each of the eleven Mississippi WMU districts this year, by the state



ASSOCIATES confer with the executive secretary of the state WMU Department. Left to right, Dr. Robinson, Marjean Patterson, Frances Shaw, Kaye Johnson, and Waudine Storey.



OFFICE SECRETARIES Lynda Ashley, Mrs. Willie Schotte, and Mrs. Margaret Cowart mail out materials for use in the churches during the State Mission Season of Prayer.



THE GA CAMPING SEASON at Garaywa included eight weeks for Junior girls and one for Intermediate girls. GAs playing blue pong at camp, above, left to right, are Linda Womack, Linda Womack, Linda Womack, White, and Teresa Hill. Chatting in front of a cabin are Teresa Hill, Patsy Jordan, Susan Hutchison, Margaret Moak, Judy Ashley, Martha Burnett, Janice Jordan, and Annette White.



DR. EDWINA ROBINSON has been executive secretary of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union since December of 1944.

WMU staff, 3,694 leadership cards have been issued to women in 580 churches.

Through the sending of White Cross supplies to Baptist hospitals overseas, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union has given a meaningful witness. Government officials in Panama paid high tribute to "those Baptists who sent such a wonderful gift to our people." They

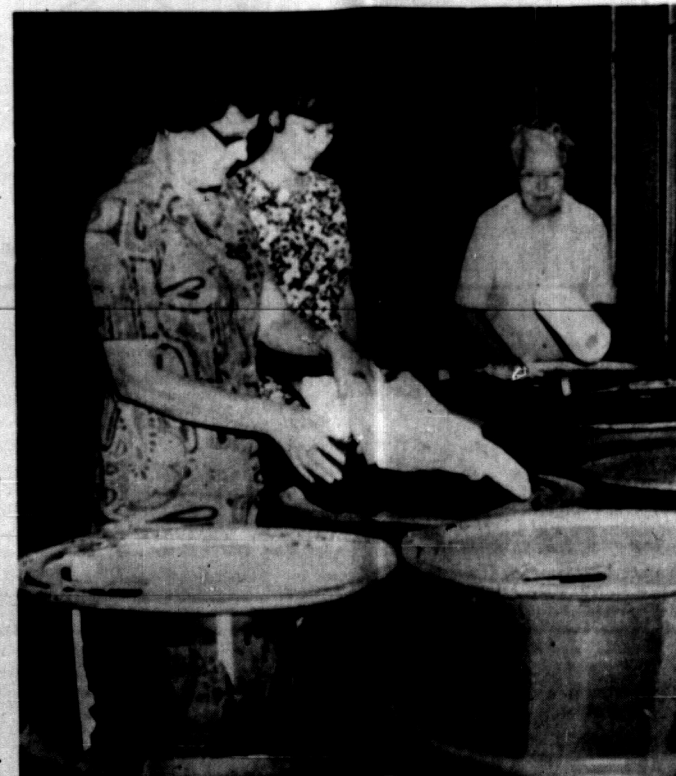
couldn't understand "why" and this gave the missionary a wonderful opportunity to witness to Panamanian customs officials. Fifty-three barrels of supplies such as sheets, blankets, towels, pillowcases, blankets and bandages went to four countries.

Through WMU camps, many young people have been touched by missionary influence. Camps

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"WORD MINISTRY THROUGH GIVING" — The display window of the state WMU Department currently emphasizes the Weeks of Prayer offerings and the WMU Special Day offering. Frances Shaw, associate, views the display.



PACKING WHITE CROSS BARRELS for Baptist Hospitals overseas are, left to right: Mrs. Willie Schotte, Lynda Ashley, and Dr. Edwina Robinson. From Mississippi, 25 barrels went to Panama, 14 to Ghana, five to Gaza, and nine to Indonesia, during the past year.

First, Gulfport, Pastor Expresses Gratitude For Aid In Reconstruction

(In his column "Freschergraphs" appearing on the BUILDER of First Church, Gulfport, Pastor John Traylor, expressed the following sentiment concerning "Camille.")

How grateful we are for the tremendous progress made on reconstruction during the last three weeks. Hurricane Camille left destruction in its wake, but God's people have arisen to the challenge to rebuild.

The words in Haggal 2:3-4 concerning the decimation of the house of God are so appropriate: "Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing???"

"Yet now be strong... and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts."

Our people have been strong, and they have worked! Thank God for the energizing power of His Spirit. Thank God for the accomplishments to date. Like Nehemiah, we can say: "So built we the wall... for the people had a mind to work."

We express special appreciation to sister churches and to friends who have come to our aid during these critical days. Actually, we could not have maintained our ministry during the first two weeks without their financial help.

We have been encouraged by their help! We have been humbled by their help. First Baptist, Gulfport, has usually been on the giving end. But during these days we have been on

the receiving end. Thank you, friends, whoever you are and wherever you are, for your help. We have been made better "stewards of the gospel" by your love.

WORSHIP THROUGH WORK! That's what we have been doing. That's what we shall do especially this Sunday from 3:00 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. At least four hundred (400) workers are needed to restore our rusting metal chairs. I know you will help!

L. L. Sams Company, Waco, Texas, is lending us without charge one thousand chairs. They will be here in about two weeks. Then we will worship once again in our sanctuary. No! the carpet will not be on the floor!! No! the pews will not be in!! But with temporary repairs, we will once again be in our sanctuary. PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!

How grateful we are for brothers and sisters in Christ who have united with our fellowship. The Lord has added these dear people to our fellowship during the last three weeks: Miss Berinda Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hairston and Lou Ann, Mary Jane, and Jeff Hairston; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richardson and Ramona, Kenney, and David Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wandrey and Susan, Martha, and Linda Wandrey; and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wilson.

Join me in work and prayer that others will join with us this Sunday to help rebuild "the house of God."

Nigerian Baptists Thankful For Southern Baptist Aid

Two letters received recently by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board express something of the gratitude of Nigerian Baptists for relief money made available by Southern Baptists. The letters received by Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, the Board's secretary for Africa, are from a Nigerian Baptist teacher formerly of the Owerri area and from a Southern Baptist missionary.

Both writers are now in Port Harcourt. The teacher, Hazekiah U. Amadi, is in a refugee camp, and his letter of appreciation was on behalf of the 47 Baptists in the camp. Reporting that there are more than 10,000 people in the camp where he is located, he pleaded: "We still need your prayers that God in his love will stop this ugly war."

The missionary's letter explained in part the gratitude of the Nigerian Baptist refugees. Miss Emogene Harris, former Mississippian, one of four Southern Baptist missionaries doing relief work in the Port Harcourt area, said adults came into the camp in rags—the men with no shirt and the children nothing at all. With help from Southern Baptists the eastern conference of the Nigerian Baptist Convention has provided cloth for each of the Baptists to have one garment.

"They are very thankful for the

clothes," Miss Harris writes, "but I believe the thing they appreciate most is that we care and that we have tried to find the Baptist people. We have been given permission to visit in the camp as much as we like."

"I have been able to work with the teachers in an interdenominational Sunday School every Sunday afternoon. Opportunities have opened recently for us to work in another camp across town for the Rivers State refugees. Miss Josephine Scaggs is visiting the people there."

The refugees mentioned in the two letters were formerly under Biafran control, but they are now in territory that has been recaptured by federal Nigerian troops. Food is distributed to the refugee camps largely through government agencies, but missionaries and Nigerian Baptists have been able to provide funds for clothing and other necessary articles for some of the most needy persons.

This money is being made available through special gifts from churches in the United States through the Nigerian Relief Fund.

In addition to Miss Harris and Miss Scaggs, the other Southern Baptist missionaries working with representatives of the Nigerian convention in the relief program and in efforts to restore Baptist work in the area are Rev. and Mrs. Urban L. Green.

Dugith Gallery Draws Israelis

By Johnny Johnson

TEL AVIV, Israel — Dugith Gallery in Tel Aviv (and also the Municipal Museum in nearby Ramat Gan) is currently displaying the work of an Israeli painter, Josef Jacob.

The few tourists who see this exhibit easily understand why The Jerusalem Post, in its "Gallery Guide," describes Jacob's work as "restrained lyrical abstractions whose surface relief texturing has the look of inspired typology." This is especially true of Christian tourists for whom Israel is a big part of "the Holy Land."

But, for the most part, it is Israelis who visit Dugith Gallery on Frishman Street, just off Tel Aviv's famous Dizengoff Circle. They come to see the exhibits, to buy good art, and sometimes art-books. Many of them never see the simple wall plaque which states that the gallery is sponsored by the Baptist Convention in Israel (the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Israel).

Thirty-two Southern Baptist representatives under assignment to the country are related to the art gallery, a farm, a Christian service training center, two schools, three bookstores, three publications, and four local congregations which themselves have a number of missions.

"Right now in Israel," says Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, senior Baptist representative, "we have, we think, created an institutional base which gives us the possibility for work on a wider scale."

This countrywide approach is geared to Israeli interests. Dugith Gallery, orthodox, art is "the religion" of many of them.

The farm and the vocational high school at Baptist Village, near Petah Tiqva, appeal to the pioneering

spirit of the country and, significantly, attract Arab young people.

The publications — Hayahad, in Hebrew; Hayahad Digest, in English; and Al-Jama'ah, in Arabic — are designed for Jew, Christian, and Arab respectively.

One reason for the varied institutional approach of Baptists in Israel is that it affords a unique opportunity to be a part of contemporary life in Israel.

"We Christians can be a bridge to Muslims," says Ibrahim D. Sam'am secretary editor of Al-Jama'ah.

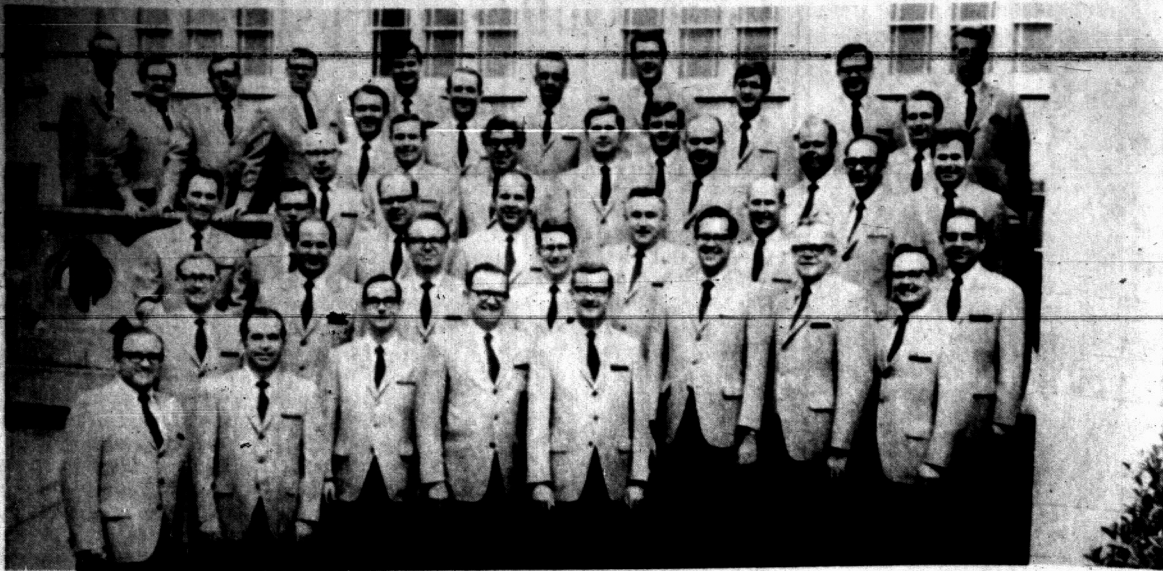
"A Muslim can hear the gospel in Israel without threat of persecution," says Rev. Chandler Lanier, editor of both Hayahad and Hayahad Digest, "and the Jew also is more free to hear the gospel in this country."

The unique circumstances in Israel today open many doors. The particular situation of Baptists in Israel has led them to add new methods to old, such as a farm and an art gallery along with the more traditional approaches of church development, education, and publication work.

"Today in Israel," says Dr. Lindsey, "people are secure enough to accept all kinds of Jews — including those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah. And you cannot know if a door will open until you push the handle."

Church Training Seminar Set For Lake Yale

NASHVILLE — A seminar providing intensive training for association training center leaders is being held to assist churches in the 70's is scheduled for November 17 - 21 at Lake Yale Baptist Assembly, Zootia, Fla.



Tour And Seminar Plans In Offing For Singing Churchmen

A tour and music seminar, October 16-24, is in the offing for 40 Mississippi ministers of music. Twenty-five have already signed up, and only 15 more can attend since the seminar is limited to 40.

The seminar is sponsored by the Church Music Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. It is the first time a graduate level music seminar has been planned exclusively for one state. Seminar subjects will include: Planning Exciting Rehearsals, Music and Recreation, Staff and Public

Relations, Workshop in Creativity, Better Communications, Enlisting and Training Leaders. Information about the new group - grading plans will be presented, as well as new music and materials.

The tour will begin with a rehearsal on Thursday, October 16, First Baptist Church, Jackson, 2:30 p.m. The seminar will begin on Monday evening, October 20, in Nashville. The group will travel by chartered bus and will return to Jackson on Friday night, October 24.

Total cost of the tour and seminar

is about \$145.00. A music director, desiring to participate, should send a \$20.00 registration fee now to Program Training Center, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. Complete information is available at the Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

"A church will reap the benefits by sending its music director," states Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board.

Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Whitten, missionaries who have completed furlough, were scheduled to return to Spain on August 13 (address: Francisco de Goya 5, Madrid 16, Spain). He is a native of Weir, Miss.; the former Nella Dean Mitchell, she is a native of Louisville, Miss.

Miss Jimmie Burrell, missionary journeyman, was scheduled to arrive in Thailand, August 24. She will work at the Baptist Student Center, Bangkok (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand). Miss Burrell, of Belzoni, Miss., is a graduate of Delta State College, Cleveland, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. E. McKinney Adams, home missionaries to Puerto Rico, accompanied by their sons, Tom and Ken, have been visiting with Mrs. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Zachary of Laurel. While in Laurel, Mr. Adams was guest speaker at Second Avenue Church, Laurel.

Rev. and Mrs. Peyton M. Moore, missionaries who have completed furlough, were scheduled to depart August 7 for Vietnam (address: Baptist Mission, A. P. O. San Francisco 96345). Mr. Moore is a native of Meridian, Miss.; Mrs. Moore is the former Celia Torres, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Blue Mountain Names New Music Head

Beginning his duties as chairman of the Blue Mountain College Department of Music in September will be Dr. John Butler of Miami, Florida, according to President E. Harold Fisher.

A native of Meridian, Dr. Butler was graduated from Louisiana State University with the Bachelor of Music degree. He received both his Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

The new chairman, formerly served as instructor of theory - composition and music history courses at Loyola University (New Orleans), as instructor of theory at the Eastman School of Music, and as chairman of The Theory Composition Division and as Graduate Adviser for that department at Sam Houston State College, Huntsville, Texas. In 1967, he joined the faculty of the University of Miami.

He has written works ranging from Chamber music to symphonic pieces. His Chamber music has won him laurels in the form of a National Federation of Music Award.

Butler wrote a Concerto for Oboe and Chamber Orchestra in 1959. The concerto was added to the Edwin A. Fisher Music Collection in Philadelphia.

His compositions were awarded second prize in the 1967 Composition Contest sponsored by the Hartman (Conn.) Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Bill McCreary, of Mt. Pleasant Church, West, Miss., was summer missionary in Iowa. He first served as VBS principal at Columbus Junction, where there were six professions of faith. Later he worked through the Calvary Baptist Church of Clinton, Iowa, in starting the DeWitt Baptist Chapel. He surveyed 2,000 families to discover 33 families interested in a Baptist mission. Twenty-three attended the first worship service, fellowship meeting and discussion period held on July 13. Twenty-eight appeared the second Sunday, and it was decided to continue the services. Missionary McCreary preached for the first service. An article and pictures concerning his work was printed in the Iowa Southern Baptist Tie.

Rev. Frank Hendry was ordained to the gospel ministry on August 31 at Tucker's Crossing Church, Jones County. Former pastor, Rev. Russell Cottingham, was back for this service. Mr. Hendry has accepted a call from Emmanuel Church, Jones County, as pastor. He and his wife and children have moved into the pastor's home there.

Rev. Joe Lofton, recently ordained by West Ellenville Church, has accepted the call as pastor to Hebron Church, Jones County.

Gary Cornett, minister of music for Trinity Church, Jones County, and Miss Pat Stevenson were married August 16 in Louisville, Miss. They are both students at Clarke College.

Rev. Norman Hester resigned August 31 as pastor of Sandersville Church, to enter full-time evangelism. His address will be Rt. 1, Millry, Alabama.

Larry Aultman, missionary journeyman, is helping with the missionary orientation program at Pine Mountain, Ga., until his visa for Malawi is secured (address: Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga., 31822). Mr. Aultman, of Hattiesburg, Miss., is a graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

Robert Keith Formosa will join the faculty as Assistant Professor of Music at Blue Mountain College. A resident of Holland, Michigan, Mr. Formosa received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hope College, with a major in Piano and minors in English, Chemistry and German. With a major in Music Literature and a minor in Piano, he received his Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan School of Music at Ann Arbor.

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Rev. Robert Strickland has resigned as pastor of the Hilland Park Church, Hilland Park, Florida, to become pastor of Central Church, Benton, Mississippi. He will enroll at Mississippi College, as a junior. During 40 months at Hilland Park, the church received 290 additions. Average Sunday school attendance increased by 105, and the annual church budget by more than \$25,000. During three years as a student at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, he was pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama.

Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson, is one of the clergymen contributing a series of messages to The Zondervan Pastor's Annual for 1970, published by the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and just released. Dr. Causey contributed five Sunday morning messages for the Christmas season to this helpful volume designed to supply ministers with a preaching program for a full year, plus helpful additional features such as children's sermons, wedding services, funeral messages, etc. Dr. T. T. Crabtree of Putnam City Baptist Church of Oklahoma City is the editor of this annual volume.

Benny Still, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Still, has been licensed to the gospel ministry by the Yale Street Church, Cleveland. He is a senior at the Cleveland High School. His pastor is Rev. Norris Garner.

Dr. Chester E. Swor, Jackson's world-renowned lecturer, and Connie Ware, Dr. Swor's new associate, will lead in a Christian Life Week at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, September 21-28. Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Charles Gentry is pastor.

Rev. Eugene Taylor, pastor of New Prospect Church, Monroe County, attended the Billy Graham Congress of Evangelism in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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BETHANY CHURCH, Prentiss, will observe its 150th birthday next Sunday. The hole in the roof

(note above picture) was caused by Hurricane Camille. Rev. Charles W. Gordon is pastor.

Bethany Church To Observe 150th Anniversary

Bethany Church Prentiss, will observe her 150th anniversary on Sunday, September 21. This is the oldest church in Jefferson Davis Association and one of the older ones in the state.

The services for the anniversary are planned as follows: Sunday school at the usual hour, morning worship at 11:00 with the morning message being delivered by Rev. Glen Williams, superintendent of missions, Covington—Jeff Davis Associations. Lunch will be served on the premises.

The afternoon service will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, bringing the inspirational message. Inspiration music will be under direction of Mrs. James Adams, church musician at Bethany.

Revival services will begin with the

evening services and continue through Friday, September 26. Rev. W. H. Merritt, Pastor of Bassfield Church, will be evangelist. Mrs. James Adams will be directing the music. Evening services are to begin at 7:30.

The new pastor, Rev. Charles W. Gordon, extends an invitation to all members, former members and interested friends to attend any and all of these services.

Bethany Church was constituted on September 11, 1819, out of the Old Silver Creek Baptist Church, Lawrence Association with nineteen charter members. Some of these members were slaves.

The first pastor of the church was Rev. John P. Martin who was called in 1820 and served for 13 years. The records indicate that Martin was ordained in 1810 by a church in Georgia.

The second pastor was Rev. Norvell Robertson, Jr. who served from 1834-1877. He received the annual call for each of the successive 44 years and served with no specified salary. His last sermon was preached at a church in Lawrence in 1877, just a few months before his death, and the topic was from I John 2:1 "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous." While serving as the pastor Robertson wrote a book entitled, Church Members' Handbook on Theology. In the 1880's the church was pro-

gressive, with about 250 members. The church called T. S. Powell in 1882 and he served for four years, resigning in 1886 to attend the seminary in Louisville.

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A Nation Worships God.

By Clifton J. Allen
2 Samuel 7:1-29; 12:1-23;
1 Kings 1:32-37; 2:1-4; 6:1-38; 8

The nation of Israel was chosen to be a medium of revelation and redemption. This meant that the worship of God was meant to be central in the nation's life. God used David to unify the kingdom and establish it firmly. David's greatest contribution, however, was his leadership and influence in developing the religious life of Israel. He initiated the plans for the building of the Temple in Jerusalem. He organized the priesthood for the services of worship. He bequeathed to the nation many psalms of praise and devotion. God's covenant with David pointed forward to the coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel and the Redeemer of the world. Even so, David became guilty of great sin, for which he repented and received God's forgiveness. In God's purpose, the building of the Temple was left to Solomon. It became the center of worship and a foremost factor in the nation's religious life.

The Lesson Explained

A Covenant With David
2 Samuel 7:18-19, 27-29

The entire chapter from which these verses are taken makes clear the piety and devotion of David's heart. He wanted to make Jerusalem a center for the worship of God. Nathan, God's prophet, made known to David that God did not yet desire a permanent house for himself. This would be built by David's son. Nathan further declared God's purpose that the house of David—that is, his family or line—would be established forever. In verses 18 to 29 we have David's response to God's promise. We learn of David's sensitive awareness of God's providence in choosing him as an instrument of God's great purpose. David responded to this with humility, gratitude, and full commitment. He was aware of his dependence on God and his responsibility to God, of God's transcendent greatness, and of God's merciful goodness. The covenant with David was a confirmation of God's covenant promise to Israel, now pointing specifically toward the fulfillment in the coming of the Messiah.

The Dedication Of The Temple
1 Kings 8:62-63

David was not permitted to build a house for worship in Jerusalem. Such was not God's purpose (see 1 Chron. 28:2-3). The last years of David's reign were marked by rebellion and unrest. Then Solomon was established by David as his successor on the throne. Early during Solomon's reign, he began building a house for worship, using the materials David had assembled for this purpose. The building, lavishly decorated and complete in all its parts, was finished in seven years. It was then dedicated by Solomon and all the congregation of Israel. Solomon's prayer of dedication was exalted and meaningful. It reflects awareness of God's sovereignty, omnipresence, holiness, and goodness. There is no God like the Lord God of Israel. He is not limited to one place; neither earth nor heaven can contain him. God ordains righteousness for his people. He executes judgment through his providences. He is the God of all the people of the earth. He is the God of forgiveness, but he must deal with all people in righteousness. Solomon pleaded earnestly for God's continuing mercies upon the people of Israel that they might be the instrument of his redemptive purpose.

The Grateful Nation

1 Kings 8:65-66

Following the celebration of dedication, Solomon and all the people kept the Feast of Tabernacles. This must have been one of the high moments in Israel's religious experience as the great assembly thought of God's merciful providences in preserving his people through many events.

ful experiences in the past and calling them to the fullest commitment for their covenant mission in the future.

Truths to Live By

God's purposes have continuity from generation to generation. — David gathered materials for the building of the Temple, but Solomon was ordained of God to be the builder. In this particular respect, the son completed the unfinished task of the father. Likewise, now, a person, a church, or some organization will pick up threads from the past to complete something already begun or lay a foundation on which others can build. Christians urgently need to realize that the continuity in the work of the kingdom of God is guaranteed by the sovereignty and activity of God. His wise designs, omnipotent power, and redemptive purpose combine to assure the victory of his kingdom and the seal of his approval on the sacrifices and tireless endeavors of persons who serve him with faith.

We are in debt to God.—We need constantly to remember "the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!" Natural resources have made abundant wealth possible, not for luxurious self-indulgence, but for wise and helpful assistance to others. We have been made strong to give help to the weak. Above all, we have been blessed with the heritage of Christian faith in order to demonstrate to the world the fruits of faith and righteousness and justice and generosity. We are in debt to God because of his abundant blessings, and we are accountable to God as a nation.

Freedom to worship can be lost.—This nation has become a nation of Christian churches, where people assemble to worship God with reverent devotion and faith in Jesus Christ. But there are sobering evidences of neglect of the house of God, of indifference to the privilege to worship, of presumptuous and blasphemous denial of God, and of absorption in the spirit of secularism. When freedom to worship is neglected, it will be lost—forever by default. And the judgment of God will come upon a faithless people. The word of warning is meant to be a word of invitation and entreaty: Come, let us go to the house of the Lord and worship.

Revival Dates

Franklin Church (Madison): Sept. 28 - Oct. 3; Rev. Jimmy Pate, evangelist; Larry Cox, song leader; special music, Bertita Pate; services 7:00 p. m.; Rev. Ed Perrett, pastor.

Sunflower Church: September 22-28; services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Rev. Ted Witten, full-time evangelist from Memphis, Tenn., preaching; Don Boyett, minister of music at Sunflower, song leader; Rev. Gene Henderson, pastor.

Cleary Church, Hoover Lake: Sept. 14-19; 7:30 nightly; Rev. Eugene H. Dobbis, pastor, McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl, evangelist; Paul Bird, minister of music at McLaurin Heights Church, singer; Rev. Dale Holloway, pastor.

Matthew 10:24-38
By Bill Duncan

The message of the Gospel must always carry the warning that it will not be easy to be a Christian. Many people are willing to volunteer, but when they see what is required, they drop out. They expect the Christian life to be easy, undisturbing, and the popular way of life. But if one would truly be a disciple then he must be willing to suffer, fearless in the face of opposition and loyal under any circumstances.

Willingness to Suffer

This is a warning to the disciple that they should expect what happened to Him to happen to them. No one should be allowed to share the victory that is not willing also to share the struggle of which these fruits are the results. Therefore, it would be a privilege to suffer in order to share the work of Christ. This is life's greatest thrill. We will never be able to share in the power of His resurrection until we know the fellowship of His suffering.

A Christian in modern times must be willing to suffer, even though he may never. When I heard the Caudilla and Fikes of Cuba tell of their suffering under the hand of Communism, I asked myself, would I be willing to suffer? I do not know how I would withstand such mental strain. But with God's help, I could.

Fearlessness in the Face of Danger
The Christian must have a certain fearlessness that is different from other men. Barclay says there are three commandments in this passage: (1) There is nothing which is hidden that will not be known, so no one need be afraid to speak with boldness the message they have received.

"The Christian's witness is the man who knows no fear, because he knows that the judgments of eternity will correct the judgments of time."

(2) No punishment that men can ever lay upon a man who has been guilty of infidelity and disobedience to God.

(3) The third commandment—not to fear—is based upon the certainty of the care of God. Whatever may happen, the disciple knows he cannot drift beyond the care of God.

These commandments not to fear is the face of danger give the disciple the reason for the strong requirements.

Loyalty at all Times

If a man is loyal to Jesus Christ in this life, Jesus will be loyal to him in the life to come. The church has always been founded on the unbreakable loyalty of those who hold fast to their loyalty and to their faith. A person can deny the Lord many ways besides taking the name of the Lord in vain. Many people do not propose to allow their Christianity to interfere with the society they keep and the pleasures they love. Too many

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times we say with our words that we are church members, but we do not want that to worry us.

Many times we deny the Lord by silence. The cowardly silence is so much easier than even saying the wrong thing. Too many times we regret that we did not say something.

In being loyal there will come open hostility from others, even from those we love. If we are true to our faith, we can expect to be misunderstood and misquoted. But we must love Jesus Christ more than family, friends, or this world.

To be a disciple, we must make the choice that will affect all of our life. Our loyalty to God must overcome all else.

Dorcas Class Pays Tribute To Mrs. Dale

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of First Church, Columbia, has adopted a resolution of respect for Mrs. Sebe (Thelma) Dale, who died August 21. Mrs. Dale was at the time of her death, and had been for many years, the teacher of the Dorcas Class.

The resolution said that Mrs. Dale was "a faithful Christian, devoted wife, affectionate mother and grandmother, and a valuable member of First Church. She was an untiring advocate of missions, and a great believer in the Word of God, exemplified by the life she lived."



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We are finishing summer conferences with youth groups. There have been 75 young people this week and many of these are here for the first time. This will be followed with special services next week.

We really must count on your prayers as we face many trying circumstances in the work here. As you read the papers or hear the newscasts, be sure to whisper a prayer for the people here. So many have lived in fear every day of their lives. By far the

greatest need is for them to find the One who casts out all fear. So do pray for a faithful witness from those you have sent.

Dr. Mac became Hospital Administrator, by necessity, when Dr. Merrill Moore left for furlough. This, in addition to a full medical-surgical load, keeps him very busy. We are thankful for good health sufficient for the task.

Living in the hospital complex within a few steps of all our activities has its advantages. Classes meet in our home, and the church is almost in the center of the compound. The noise and drama passing my kitchen window takes the place of any need for TV.

Four groups are usually shuttled around Gaza, but we have had wonderful visits from many friends who insisted that it is safe enough for them, if it is us! So come to see us.

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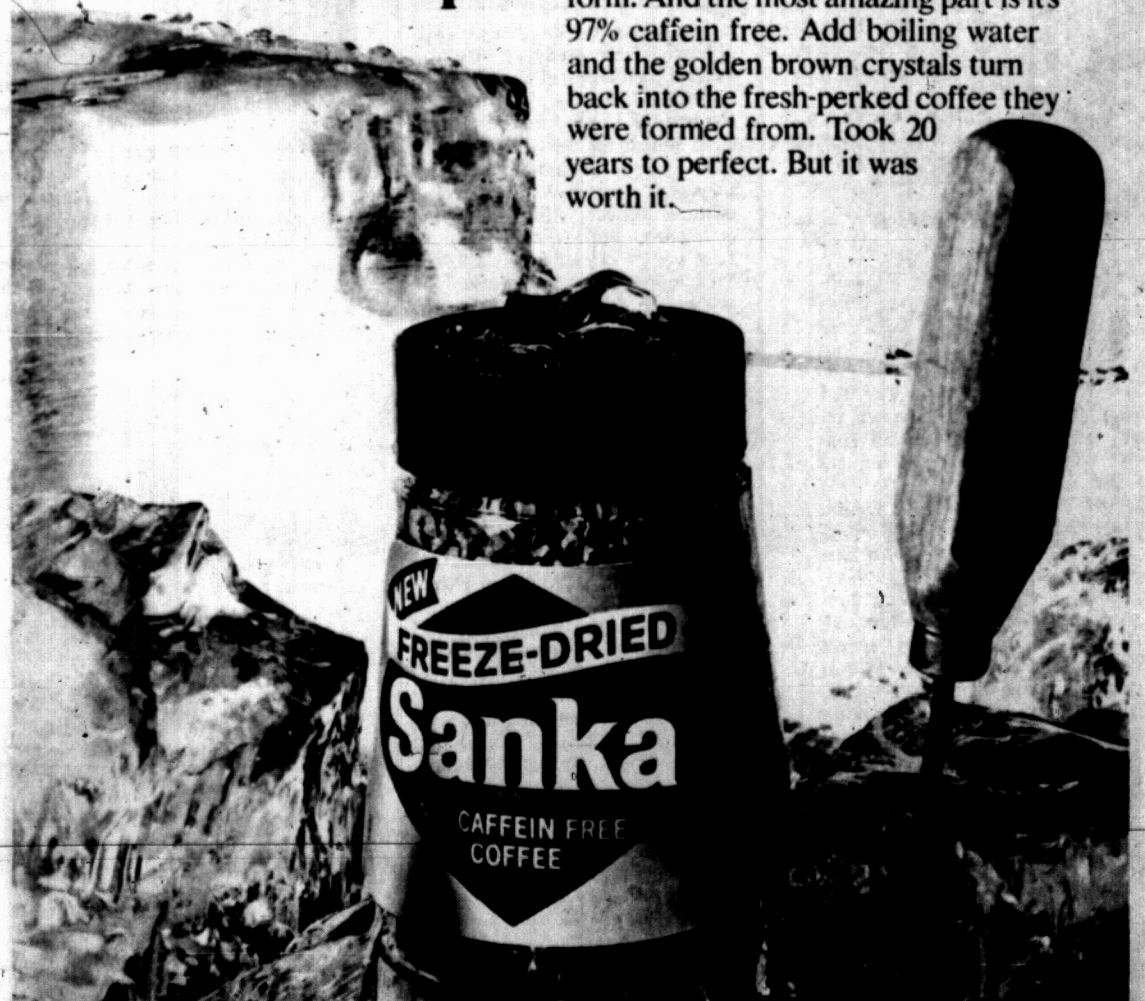
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Devotional

Questions Nobody Is Asking

By John G. McCall, Pastor, First, Vicksburg, & President, Mississippi Baptist Convention

"The trouble with Christians today is that they are very busy answering questions that nobody is asking." If we have heard it once, most of us have heard it or read it a hundred times. For this word of criticism is expressed by many today within the church and outside.

Hearing the criticism, two things at least need to be observed. In the first place, there may be validity in the criticism. We Christians, if we are sensitive and sincere, cannot afford simply to shrug off such words as being invalid.

Yet, there is another side of the coin. It just may be that people are not asking the right questions. Someone has wisely said that it is at least part of the gospel's task to lead men to ask the right questions.

Having said those two things, let it be clearly understood that the gospel does indeed answer questions that are quite vital and which all men ought at least to asking; and for the simple reason that these questions deal with the deepest issues of life. If life is to have genuine meaning, there are three questions that each of us must ask and to which we must find the answers.

"How can I be born?" This is first. Most of us will understand the plaintive words of the poet when he said:

I wish there were some wonderful place
Called the land of beginning again...

The truth of the gospel is that we may indeed find such a place. For Jesus assures us that by the power of God we may be born from above. It is what the Apostle Paul meant when he said "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: all things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

It is what Star Daily, who wrote the amazing book Release, experienced. At the age of twenty-five he became a hardened criminal, pronounced incurable by five psychiatrists and physicians. He was labeled as lost damned forever by society. But one day he met Christ in prison, and what education, society, and punishment failed to do, the power of Jesus Christ and His atoning death accomplished in the twinkling of an eye. The gospel has an answer for life's most urgent question, how can I be born?

Moreover, we must ask and find the answer to the question, how can I live? At this point again the gospel speaks with great clarity. Only by living in God's will; only by giving our lives away to God and for others; only by living in the power that God can give; only by living in the compassion that Christian love motivates can we live victoriously and effectively.

How can I be born? How can I live? But there remains a third question, the answer to which everyone of us must learn: how can I die? And the gospel speaks once again in triumphant tones: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept... but thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

There are some questions to which the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ gives resounding and final answers. They deal with life's deepest issues, and we all need to be asking them.

Bible Society Will Give Bibles To Gulf Coast

Pastors of all churches in the Gulf Coast Area are asked to attend a meeting to be held at Handsboro Church, 1421 Pass Road, Gulfport, at 7:00 p. m., September 18. This is being

conducted by J. Edward Cunningham, Representative of American Bible Society of New York City.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the need of Bibles for the churches and other people the churches can reach. These Bibles will be furnished free of charge by The American Bible Society, New York City, N.Y.

Hospital Appoints Personnel Director

Mrs. William R. Harding is the new personnel director of Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, according to Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator.

Mrs. Harding holds the Master's Degree in Hospital Administration from the School of Hospital Administration, Medical College of Virginia.

The personnel office at Mississippi Baptist Hospital

Woman's Missionary --

(Continued from page 5)
were held at Garaywa this summer for 78 Indian girls and women, and for 71 Indian boys and men. Camps for Negro boys and girls were held at Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly. The GA camping season at Garaywa included eight weeks for 1722 Junior girls and one week for 173 Intermediate girls.

Through the WMU Special Day Offering, gifts for equipment have been given to 18 Mississippi missionaries newly appointed by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Through this offering also, gifts of \$25 have been sent at Easter, birthday, and Thanksgiving to aged ministers and ministers widows in the state. Expenses for the International Houseparty, held during Thanksgiving holidays at Garaywa, were provided. Ninety-two overseas students from

serves an institution which is currently employing approximately 900 people.

Mrs. Harding is the former Lu Alice Hill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hill, of Brandon. Her father formerly was state commissioner of junior colleges.

Mrs. Harding attended Brandon High School and Hinds Junior College and has a Bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Mississippi.

17 countries were present last fall, who were studying in eight different colleges of the state.

Through Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, the State Mission Season of Prayer receives extra special promotion by missionary programs, brochures, posters, letters, maps, offering envelopes, and other means. Last year's offering was \$97,940. This year's goal is \$100,000.

Through Woman's Missionary Union, the Weeks of Prayer for Foreign Missions, at Christmas, and Home Missions, at Easter, are given fullest support. Mississippi's gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering last year were \$800,008.47, and to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering \$260,306.35.

Through scholarships, Mississippi WMU has a part in Christian education. Mississippi WMU provides seven scholarships at Baptist seminaries for second-year students. Preference is given to Mississippians who are mission volunteers. Scholarships for overseas students are provided at Woman's Training School, Recife, Brazil; Woman's Training School, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Woman's Training School, Rome, Italy.



Pastor's Son Receives Bronze Star Award

Lt. James P. Brock, Jr., MC USNR, at right above, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Price Brock of Pickens, Miss., was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V." Captain J. L. Whitley is shown making the presentation. Lt. Brock graduated from Mississippi College and earned his M.D. degree at Baylor University of Medicine. (He is now doing his residency in orthopedic surgery at Houston Medical Center, Houston, Texas.)

He was awarded the Bronze Star while he was assigned duty at the Naval Hospital, Memphis. He was recommended for the Bronze Star while serving with the First Marine Division in Vietnam, from February, 1968 to January, 1969. (He was initially assigned as surgeon of the First Battalion, Fifth Marines.)

In part, his citation reads, "On numerous occasions, he disregarded his own safety to treat seriously wounded Marines on the battlefield and to supervise their evacuation to secure areas. His unwavering dedication to the care of the sick and wounded inspired all who observed him, and contributed significantly to the morale and operational effectiveness of his unit. Lieutenant Brock's initiative, superb professional skill, and selfless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

REVIVAL RESULTS

Byram Church: August 24 - 31; Rev. Billy Burney, pastor of Ashland Church, evangelist; 31 Christian decisions; six for baptism; five by letter; Rev. H. J. Bennett, pastor.

Bethany Calls Pastor

Bethany Church, Prentiss, Jeff Davis Association, has called as pastor Rev. Charles W. Gordon, and he has moved on the church field.

Mr. Gordon is a native of Laurel, and he comes back to Mississippi from Alabama, where he served as pastor of Toxey Church, Toxey.

He is married to the former Ina Faye Grice, also a native of Laurel, and they have two children, Charles, Jr., and Beverly.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon are both graduates of Jones Junior College, and William Carey College. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

Before going to Alabama, he served churches in Jones and Smith Associations in Mississippi. Mrs. Gordon is teaching English at Prentiss High School.

Shelby Calls Pastor

Rev. James W. Duke has accepted the call of First Church, Shelby, as pastor. He comes to Shelby from Oakcrest Church, Baton Rouge, La., where he has served as pastor for four years.

A native of Mississippi, he formerly was pastor of First, Carrollton, and First, Tutwiler.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and the N. O. B. T. S. He is married to the former Pauline Guyton of Greenville and they have three children: Charlotte, Michael and Be' Be'.

Mr. Duke has just returned from a month-long New Life Crusade to India and a tour around the world. In the India Crusade 1800 decisions for Christ were recorded by the team of 28 ministers and laymen who went out under the leadership of Rev. Joe West of Houston, Texas.

Osyka Calls Pastor

Rev. Richard G. Gordon has moved from the pastorate of Pleasant Grove Church, Lincoln County, to Osyka Church, Pike County, in Osyka.

During his 3 1/2 years at Pleasant Grove, the church built new educational space; remodeled carpeting all of the main floor of the educational space; also constructed a drive-

MC Sets Record In Enrollment

Mississippi College set a new all-time enrollment record this past year with 3,316 individual students registered over the 12-month session.

In announcing the year-end total, Registrar Troy Mohon said this was the largest registration ever at the Baptist college, topping last year's 2,900 record by 416 students.

The class-by-class breakdown showed that each group experienced an increase with the exception of the special student category. Three of the classes showed increases of 100 or more.

The largest increase was in the junior class, where 713 were registered this year as compared to 564 last year, an increase of 149. The senior class jumped from 517 last year to 637, an increase of 120.

In the graduate school there was an increase of 117 students, with 788 this year as compared with 671 the previous year.

Hospital Announces Tuesday Class For Expectant Parents

Expectant parents with Tuesday nights free can learn baby-care techniques this fall at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, starting September 23.

The first 20 parents to apply will be accepted for the "Red Cross Mother and Baby Care Course" to be taught each Tuesday from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

"We always have many more applicants than we can accommodate," says Mrs. Helen Jackson, instructor, "so we just accept the first 20 to apply."

"We hold the number to 20 so we can give maximum attention to the expectant mothers and fathers, and we hold the classes at night so fathers can attend."

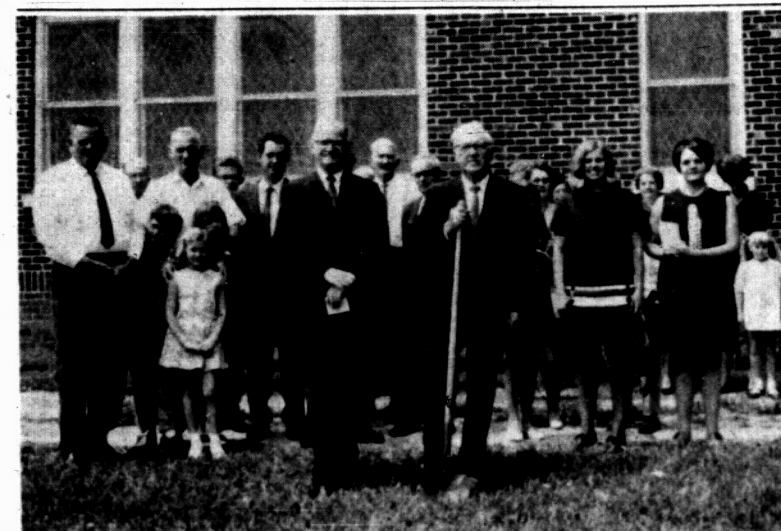
The lesson topics are "Before the Baby Comes," "Birth of the Baby," "Nutrition," "The Baby's Supplies and Needs," "The Baby Bath" and "The Baby's First Year."

They will be taught on six consecutive Tuesday evenings, in that order, beginning September 23. Enrolees should call Extension 316 at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.



N. O. Student Council Officers

Among the new student council officers for 1969-70 at New Orleans Seminary are, l to r: Buford Easley, Houka, Miss., president; James Brannon, of Brandon (native of Laurel), Miss., representative from Dodd, Lipsey, and Spurgeon Halls; Stella Raburn, Coushatta, La.; Bill Phillips, Boyce, La.; Eddie Heath, Hampton, Va.; JoAnn Duckett, Greenville, Miss., vice-president; James Carter, Brookhaven, Miss., representative from Seminary Place; Ellis Easterly, Middleboro, Ky.



Eudora To Build Educational Unit

Eudora Church, Desota Association, held a groundbreaking ceremony, August 24, to begin its new educational unit to provide needed space for many families moving into the community. L. R. White, chairman of the deacons, is holding the shovel. Construction is to begin immediately. The church entered into a bond program being aided by the Church Building & Savings Association of Jackson. Rev. Harold J. Bennett, pastor, led in this program. He is standing beside Mr. White.

Two Of Sunflower's Oldest Members Die

On the death of L. F. Bennett and Mrs. Lula H. Norris, Sunflower Church has suffered a loss of two of its oldest members, who were also its most enthusiastic and devoted members. The Church has adopted a resolution in their honor.

Mrs. Lula H. Norris, having been a member of Sunflower Church for 46 years, served the most of these years as church treasurer (treasurer of Sunday school, Sunflower Church, and W.M.U.); who also served as secretary of the Sunday School, President of W. M. U., Y. W. A. leader, and unofficial church hostess. Mrs. Norris likewise was active in the Sunflower County Association having held the offices of associational W.M.U. director and several times associate director. Her interests also included serving many civic organizations.

Sunflower Church was the first church to enter the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Record. Mrs. Norris was one of the three women who suggested to Dr. A. L. Goodrich, former BR editor, the idea for the institution of the Every Family Plan of subscriptions. A feature article concerning her appeared in the 90th Anniversary edition of the Baptist Record in February of 1967.

L. F. Bennett, a member of Sunflower Church for 31 years, served as an active deacon all these years and four years prior to becoming a member of Sunflower Church. He was likewise a faithful member of the Sunday school where he once served, as Sunday school superintendent. His civic activities included being a charter member and past president of the Sunflower Farm Bureau and a Master Mason.

Ruschlikon Enrols 50 From 21 Lands

The Baptist theological seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, has enrolled 50 students from 21 countries for the new school year. Twenty-one of the students are attending for the first time.

under breezeway, and remodeled the kitchen area. During the last full church year, Pleasant Grove increased their giving over the previous year by forty per cent.

Mr. Gordon served as chairman of evangelism in Lincoln County. His Church August 24, with a reception given for the new pastor August 31. Osyka Church will celebrate its centennial in 1970.



BSU-SCA Tea Held At BMC

IN TOP PHOTO as Blue Mountain College's annual BSU-SCA Twilight Tea for 1969-70 was in progress, Miss Karen Jones of Corinth, right, a new student, was served by Linda Kirby, vice-president of the BSU, left, and Kathy McKinney, vice-president of the SGA, center. IN LOWER PHOTO, President and Mrs. Harold Fisher of the college, right, chat with Becky Simmons of Henderson, Tennessee, one of the first new students to arrive at Armstrong, home of the president, for the BSU-SCA Twilight Tea, just after Miss Simmons met the presidents of the two organizations and other members of the receiving line.



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